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“SIZZLIN’ MILLIONAIRE RAFFLE” TICKETS TO GO ON SALE SOON

- THREE WEEKS AND COUNTING! -

RALEIGH – It’s the talk of the town already for many players and retailers. The “Sizzlin’ Millionaire Raffle” signs will first start going up next week at lottery retail locations to let the public know that the North Carolina Education Lottery’s (NCEL) first raffle will go on sale Friday, May 11.

“It has been in our plans for some time because we have had so many players asking for it,” said Tom Shaheen. “We are very excited to let them know that the raffle is on its way especially because it will have the best odds you can get to become a millionaire on an NCEL game!”

The odds of winning one of the top prizes of \$1 million are 1 in 125,000. The NCEL will sell only 500,000 “Sizzlin’ Millionaire Raffle” tickets starting May 11 with the drawing tentatively scheduled to be held July 4. There will be 509 winning tickets. Here are the prizes and the odds:

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of prizes at this amount</u>	<u>Odds</u>
\$1 million	4	1:125,000
\$100,000	5	1:100,000
\$1,000	500	1:1,000

The \$20 tickets will be available only a limited time. There will be no play slips. All a player needs to do is go to any lottery retailer and tell the salesperson that they want a raffle ticket. The winning numbers for the “Sizzlin’ Millionaire Raffle” tickets will be posted on the NCEL Web site immediately after the drawing.

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100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at risk youth, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and college scholarships for need-based individuals.